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SUBJECT: PALM NUT CRACKING MACHINES SELF-HELP AGREEMENT

REF: (A) CONAKRY 572 (B) STATE 65074

1. IN RESPONSE QUESTION POSED REF (A) PARA 2, SPECIAL SELF-HELP (SSH) FUNDS OBLIGATED UNDER IAA 5675010 FOR PALM NUT CRACKING MACHINES MAY NOT RPT NOT BE USED FOR ANOTHER PROJECT. IF ORIGINAL SUPPLIER UNABLE TO DELIVER THESE MACHINES, SUGGEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT LOCATE DIFFERENT SUPPLIER WHO WILLING AND ABLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT. FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR IAA 5675010 WILL BE LOST FOR CONAKRY'S SSH USE IF PROJECT PROVES IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT.

2. EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS PALM OIL PROJECT (DECEMBER 31, 1975) CAN BE CONSIDERED FLEXIBLE SO LONG AS PROGRESS MADE TOWARD PROJECT COMPLETION. INFORM US OF EMBASSY PLANS ASAP.

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3. WE PLEASED TO LEARN IN REF (A) THAT DOLS. 2,700 OF GUINEA'S DOLS. 10,000 FY 76 SSH ALLOCATION ARE "BEING OBLIGATED". ADDITIONAL FY 76 FUNDS WILL NOT RPT NOT BE AVAILABLE, AND IF REMAINING DOLS. 7,300 CANNOT BE OBLIGATED BY END MAY FOR PROJECTS SMALLER THAN MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS PROJECT, REQUEST EMBASSY AUTHORIZE REALLOCATION OF REMAINING FUNDS.

4. AS NOTED REF (B) WE ARE REQUIRED BY END MAY TO BEGIN TRANSFERING "FALL-OUT" FUNDS FROM COUNTRIES WITH WEAK OBLIGATION RECORD TO THOSE MISSIONS WHERE PROJECTS ARE READY FOR SIGNING. POST RELEASE OF FUNDS QUARANTEES FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE ALLOCATIONS.

5. WE UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTIES IN GUINEA CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF SSH PROJECTS, BUT NEVERTHELESS SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY ATTEMPT OBTAIN AGREEMENT FOR SMALLER PROJECTS ALONG LINES DEVELOPED IN OTHER AF COUNTRIES OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS (E.G., HELP IN CONSTRUCTING WATER WELL SYSTEM, HOSPITAL KITCHENS AND DISPENSARIES, PURCHASE OF TOOLS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR CRAFT COOPERATIVES OR FOR ANIMAL TRACTION UNITS). SEGALL LETTER TO MACDONALD FORWARDS EXAMPLES OF THIS TYPE PROJECT IN VARIOUS AF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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